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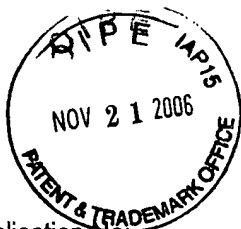
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON 10.05.2006

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed 10.05.2006 in which claims 27-42 and 61-67 are rejected. Claims 1-26 and 43-60 are presently withdrawn from consideration.

An index of the Claims begins on page 6 of this document.
There are no changes to the Drawings or to the Specification.
Remarks begin on page 1 of this document.

REMARKS

The Examiner has not rejected claims 35 and 36. They are allowable over the prior art of record, as their claimed elements are not disclosed or suggested by the prior art.

Independent claim 27 is canceled, and its limitations have been imported into newly amended claim 30, which is now an independent claim.

Claims 28, 29, 32, 33, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 and 67 are canceled.

The remaining claims are claim 30 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) and claims 31, 34 (CURRENTLY AMENDED), 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42. The remarks will address rejection grounds of these claims only, as the grounds directed towards canceled claims are now moot. The exception is claim 27, which forms part of newly amended claim 30, and thus will be discussed.